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TAGS: PREL, UNSC, XA, RW  
SUBJECT: SECURITY COUNCIL: POSTPONING RWANDA'S  
- PRESIDENCY

REF: A) USUN 3261; B) SNYDER-HUME TELCON 8 AUGUST

1- (C) IN AN INFORMAL SESSION LIMITED TO HEADS OF DELEGATIONS, THE SECURITY COUNCIL DECIDED TO MOVE UP THE SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENCIES OF SPAIN, UK, AND U.S. TO SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, AND NOVEMBER. WITH REGARD TO THE POSSIBILITY OF A SUBSEQUENT PRESIDENCY FOR RWANDA, IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE "PROVISIONAL WORKING ASSUMPTION" OF  
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THE COUNCIL WOULD BE THAT A PROPERLY CREDENTIALLED RWANDAN DELEGATION MIGHT HAVE THE PRESIDENCY IN DECEMBER. DELEGATES WHO ADDRESSED THE ISSUE SAID THEY STILL EXPECTED ARGENTINA TO CHAIR THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY HEADS OF STATE SECURITY COUNCIL SESSION IN JANUARY.

2. (C) LATER IN DAY SC PRESIDENT VORONTSOV TOLD US HE HAD JUST MET WITH A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE RWANDAN PATRIOTIC FRONT, WHO DELIVERED A LETTER (PARA 3) REGARDING THE SITUATION IN RWANDA- IN ADDITION THE

LETTER INDICATED THAT RWANDA IS "READY TO ASSUME ITS DUTIES ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL, INCLUDING THE PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL IN SEPTEMBER." VORONTSOV COMMENTED HE DID NOT FIND THIS ASSERTION CONVINCING, AND HE AGREED WITH UK PERMREP HANNAY'S SUGGESTION THAT THE COUNCIL SHOULD STICK WITH ITS DECISION MADE EARLIER IN THE DAY.

3. TEXT OF LETTER FOLLOWS:

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DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

THE RWANDESE PATRIOTIC FRONT (RPF) IS GRAVELY CONCERNED AT THE ALARMIST REPORTS OF A LOOMING CATASTROPHE IN SOUTH WESTERN RWANDA ONCE THE FRENCH TROOPS LEAVE RWANDA. THE GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN ASSURANCES TO ALL CITIZENS AND REFUGEES TO RETURN AND LIVE IN PEACE. THIS PANIC PROPAGANDA IS ORCHESTRATED BY THE MILITIA AND ELEMENTS OF THE FORMER GOVERNMENT, WHO HAS SOUGHT SANCTUARY IN THE SO-CALLED FRENCH SAFE ZONE AND CONSIDER FRENCH SOLDIERS TO BE THEIR PROTECTORS.

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THE RWANDESE PATRIOTIC FRONT WISHES TO INFORM MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL THAT THE FRENCH TROOPS CONTINUE TO PROHIBIT THE GOVERNMENT TO ENTER THE ZONE USING THE MILITIA AND ELEMENTS OF THE FORMER GOVERNMENT.

MR. PRESIDENT, THEIR ACTIONS OF THE FRENCH TROOPS AND THE PANIC PROPAGANDA INCLUDING ANTI-UNAMIR RHETORIC BY ELEMENTS OF THE FORMER GOVERNMENT IN THE SO-CALLED SAFE HAVEN RISK TO DELAY THE DEPLOYMENT OF UNAMIR IN THE FRENCH ZONE AS WELL AS FRUSTRATE THE EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT TO ESTABLISH LAW AND ORDER. SUCH DELAYS WOULD HAVE SERIOUS HUMANITARIAN AND POLITICAL REPERCUSSIONS. AS A SOVEREIGN STATE, RWANDA'S LEGAL AUTHORITIES HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO EXERCISE CONTROL OVER THE ENTIRE TERRITORY OF RWANDA.

THE RWANDESE PATRIOTIC FRONT WISHES TO REITERATE THE POSITION OF THE RWANDA GOVERNMENT THAT NECESSARY MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN TO FACILITATE THE RETURN OF REFUGEES AND PROMOTE NATIONAL RECONCILIATION. THE GOVERNMENT FURTHER APPEALS TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH, AS A MATTER OF URGENCY, AN INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL TO TRY THE PERPETRATORS OF GENOCIDE IN RWANDA.

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IT IS THE GOVERNMENT'S STRONG BELIEF THAT SUCH A  
TRIBUNAL WILL DEMONSTRATE THAT PEOPLE CANNOT COMMIT  
CRIMES WITH IMPUNITY- THIS CONTRIBUTE TO THE  
GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO PROMOTE LAW AND ORDER AS WELL AS  
RECONCILE THE RWANDESE PEOPLE.  
FINALLY, MR. PRESIDENT, WITH THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW  
REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UN, THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC  
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OF RWANDA HAS INSTRUCTED ME TO INFORM MEMBERS OF THE  
SECURITY COUNCIL, THAT THE RWANDA DELEGATION TO THE UN  
IS READY TO ASSUME ITS DUTIES ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL,  
INCLUDING THE PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL IN SEPTEMBER.  
AN EARLIER STATEMENT INFORMING THE COUNCIL THAT RWANDA  
WILL NOT BY READY TO PRESIDE OVER THE COUNCIL AFFAIRS  
HAD BEEN MADE ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT RWANDA'S TURN WOULD  
FALL IN AUGUST AND NOT IN SEPTEMBER. A MEMO FROM THE  
PRESIDENT OT THIS EFFECT WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY.

PLEA  
SE CIRCULATE THIS LETTER AS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT TO  
ALL MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

(SIGNED)  
CLAUDE DUSAIDI  
RWANDESE PATRIOTIC FRONT REPRESENTATIVE  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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